Migration Package for Private Telecom Operators

1253. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet Secretary while justifying the migration package for private telecom operators from license fee to the revenue sharing regime had claimed that Rs. 10,000 crores of the financial institutional investment is locked up in potentially sick projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these advances were not secured and whether these investments were not employed in recoverable infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Sir., Cabinet Secretary has not issued any such statement.

Anomaly in the Appointment of Delivery Agent-cum-Mail Carrier

†1254. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the essential qualifications for the appointment of additional departmental delivery agent-cum-mail carrier in branch post-office under the Department of Posts;

(b) whether any priority is given to the SCs/STs and other backward classes in the appointment;

(c) whether priority is given to the local candidate;

(d) whether a candidate from far-flung area was appointed by neglecting a local candidate in Bhram post-office in Madhubani district in Bihar whereas competent candidates were locally available; and

(e) if so, the reasons for the appointment and the distance between the permanent residence of the appointed candidate and the post-office?

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.